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SUBJECT: FY 76 PROGRAM PROPOSAL - EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION

REF: A) ASUNCION 1079; B) STATE 68842; C) STATE 69194

1. AS DEPARTMENT MUST HAVE NOTICED IN REF (A) AND CU PORTION OF CPP, EMBASSY IS IN PROCESS RECASTING ITS EXCHANGE PROGRAM. OUR IMMEDIATE INTEREST IS REDUCTION OF COST ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND DRASTIC REDUCTION OF COMMISSION OPERATING COSTS. TO THAT EFFECT WE HAVE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF AMERICAN PROFESSOR PROGRAM AND SUBSTITUTION OF LATFS, WITH DIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BY LATF HEADQUARTERS. THE EXPENSIVE AND CUMBERSOME PROCEDURE WHEREBY COMMISSION SUPPORTS ONE AMERICAN PROFESSOR IS THEREBY ELIMINATED.

2. WE THEREFORE LOOK FORWARD TO DEPARTMENT'S REPLY TO REF (A). IF LATFELLOWS CAN BE ASSIGNED TO PARAGUAY AS REQUESTED, WE PROPOSE ELIMINATE COMMISSION'S ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF. THE COST OF THIS STAFF HAS BEEN LOW INDEED BUT IT STILL IS OUT OF PROPORTION TO COST OF SUPPORTING ONE AMERICAN PROFESSOR FOR TEN MONTHS. WE WOULD LIKE TO PENSION OFF EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1975, COMMISSION'S ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY WHO HAS BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE 1958 AND IS OF RETIREMENT AGE.

3. POST REQUIRES FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(A) IS DEPARTMENTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR COMMISSION'S ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY'S SEVERANCE PAY OF \$8,000?

(B) CAN DEPARTMENT'S GRANT OR CONTRACT WITH LATF INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OF ITS PERSONNEL (SEE REF (A)).

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(C) CAN EMBASSY IN LIEU OF COMMISSION OPERATE INTER-COUNTRY

PROGRAM?

(D) IF NO PROGRAMS ARE ADMINISTERED BY COMMISSION, DOES DEPARTMENT STILL REQUIRE A COMMISSION PROGRAM PROPOSAL AS PER REF (B)?
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